

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic molding composition comprising;

A) from 10 to 99.99% by weight of at least one thermoplastic polyester;

B) from 0.01 to ~~50%~~ 20% by weight of a ~~highly-branched or~~ hyperbranched A_xB_y polyester,

wherein A_x and B_y are different monomers and indices x and y are the number of functional groups present in A and B,

wherein x is at least 1.1 and y is at least 2.1,

wherein B) has an OH number (~~to~~ DIN 53240) of from 0 to 600 mg KOH/g and a COOH number (to DIN 53240) of from 0 to 600 mg KOH/g,

wherein a degree of branching of B) is from 10 to 99.9%,

and wherein B) has both structural and molecular non-uniformity,

C) from 0 to 60% by weight of other additives,

where the total of the percentages by weight of components A) to C) is 100%.

2. (Original) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein B) has a number-average molar mass M_n of from 300 to 30 000 g/mol.

3. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein B) has a glass transition temperature T_g of from -50°C to 140°C.

4-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein B) at least has an OH number or a COOH number greater than 0.

7. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein B) is obtainable by reacting

(a) one or more dicarboxylic acids or one or more derivatives of the same with one or more at least trihydric alcohols

or

(b) one or more tricarboxylic acids or higher polycarboxylic acids or one or more derivatives of the same with one or more diols

if appropriate in the presence of a solvent and optionally in the presence of an acidic inorganic, organometallic, or organic catalyst, or of an enzyme.

8. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 7, where, when variant (a) is utilized, use is made of an at least trihydric alcohol which has hydroxyl groups having at least two different chemical reactivities.

9. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 7, where, when variant (a) is utilized, use is made of an at least trihydric alcohol which has hydroxy groups which all have identical chemical reactivity.

10. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 7, where when variant (b) is utilized an at least trihydric alcohol which has hydroxy groups all of which have identical chemical reactivity is used.

11. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 7, where when variant (b) is utilized an at least one tricarboxylic acid or polycarboxylic acid which has carboxy groups having at least two different reactivities is used.

12. (Previously presented) A method for producing fibers, films, or moldings comprising utilizing the thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1.

13. (Previously presented) A fiber, a film, or a molding of any type obtainable from the thermoplastic molding compositions according to claim 1.

14. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein B) has an OH number of from 1 to 500 mg KOH/g.

15. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein B) has a COOH number of from 1 to 500 mg KOH/g of polyester.

16. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein the degree of branching is from 20 to 99%.

17. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein the degree of branching is from 20 to 95%.

18. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein B) has an M_n of from 300 to 30 000 g/mol.

19. (Previously presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein B) has an M_n of from 400 to 25 000 g/mol.

20. (New) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein the maximum amount of B) is 10% by weight.